

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	
Molz IV, et al.	§	Confirmation No.: 7729
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Serial No.: 10/733,554	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: December 10, 2003	§	Examiner: J. Swiger III
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	§	
REPLACING THE FUNCTION OF FACET	§	
JOINTS	§	

Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Please reconsider the outstanding issues in this matter.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.